

HR 7574

Strengthening America's Strategic National Stockpile Act of 2020

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Sponsor

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Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Jul 13, 2020
Rep. Schrier, Kim [D-WA-8]	D · WA		Jul 13, 2020
Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		Jul 13, 2020
Rep. Upton, Fred [R-MI-6]	R · MI		Jul 13, 2020
Rep. Van Drew, Jefferson [R-NJ-2]	R · NJ		Jul 13, 2020
Rep. Walorski, Jackie [R-IN-2]	R · IN		Jul 13, 2020
Rep. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM-3]	D · NM		Jul 27, 2020
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Jul 30, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Reported By	Sep 18, 2020
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 22, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 14	Related bill	Nov 2, 2020: Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.
116 HR 7507	Related bill	Jul 9, 2020: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
116 S 3827	Related bill	May 21, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
116 HR 6875	Related bill	May 14, 2020: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
116 HR 6876	Related bill	May 14, 2020: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
116 HR 6877	Related bill	May 14, 2020: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
116 HR 6878	Related bill	May 14, 2020: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
116 HR 6517	Related bill	Apr 17, 2020: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
116 HR 6531	Related bill	Apr 17, 2020: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Summary (as of Sep 21, 2020)

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This bill makes changes to the administration and management of the Strategic National Stockpile.

Among these changes, the bill authorizes through September 30, 2023, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to transfer supplies from the stockpile to any federal departments or agencies under certain conditions. HHS must also ensure the contents of the stockpile remain in working order and may enter into maintenance service contracts to carry out this requirement.

Furthermore, as part of its management of the stockpile, HHS must establish and maintain domestic reserves of certain supplies, including by entering into cooperative agreements or partnerships to access facilities and equipment to produce these supplies. The authority for such agreements and partnerships terminates on September 30, 2023.

Additionally, the bill temporarily authorizes HHS to award grants to states for maintaining stockpiles of certain equipment and supplies for use during public health emergencies.

HHS must also develop transparent processes for the use and distribution of supplies from the stockpile that address, for example, the prioritization of requests. Additionally, during the COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) emergency, the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response must report monthly on requests for supplies from states, tribes, and other jurisdictions. These reports must include the rationale for any partially fulfilled or denied requests.

Lastly, the Government Accountability Office must study the feasibility of establishing user fees to offset costs for procuring single-source materials for, and distributing such materials from, the stockpile.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 22, 2020:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
- **Sep 21, 2020:** Mrs. Dingell moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 21, 2020:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H4618-4620)
- **Sep 21, 2020:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 7574.
- **Sep 21, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.
- **Sep 21, 2020:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H4618-4620)
- **Sep 21, 2020:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 18, 2020:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 116-518.
- **Sep 18, 2020:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 418.
- **Jul 15, 2020:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 15, 2020:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jul 13, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 13, 2020:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.